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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Chris Coons, make the following  
(Name of Senator/Officer)

**Cooperative for Assistance & Relief Everywhere, Inc (CARE)**

Travel date(s): **August 10 - August 19, 2019**

Destination(s): Uganda: Kampala and West Nile

## Michael Coons

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☒ Child

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Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.); \_\_\_\_\_  
Please reference addendum A which details final agenda and addendum B, which details changes made to the pre-trip agenda.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

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## Addendum A

### AGENDA: CARE Learning Tour to Uganda, August 10 – 16, 2019

Saturday, August 10

Travel Day

10:55am Depart U.S. for Kampala, Uganda (EK #232)

Sunday, August 11

Entebbe, Uganda

Travel Day

*Overnight: Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa – Kampala, Uganda*

Monday, August 12

Kampala, Uganda

*Breakfast on own*

12:55am Delegation arrives in Entebbe, Uganda (ET #338)

1:30-2:00am Transfer to hotel

7:30-8:00am Transfer to tour

8:00-9:10am Tour of Ugandan Wildlife Education Center to learn about environmental protection and wildlife conservation efforts in Uganda and discuss the impact environmental degradation has on Uganda's economy

9:10-9:30am Transfer to hotel

9:30-10:00am Welcome Briefing to provide an overview of trip and introduce CARE staff and delegates to one another

10:00-11:30am Scene-Setter Dinner Briefing with INGO experts to gain social, political and historical context for stability-building and refugee integration as well as food and economic security in Uganda

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**4:30-5:30pm**                      **Downtime to shower and change**

6:00-7:30pm Reception with U.S. Ambassador, local government and NGO leaders to hear from a wide array of partners, implementers, and donors on the challenges and successes related to food and nutrition security, refugee response, building stability, and development assistance in Uganda

**Overnight: Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa – Kampala, Uganda**

## Yumbe District, Uganda

**7:30-9:00am** Plane Discussion on the history and demographics of Bidibidi refugee settlement as well as the challenges and tensions within the settlement among ethnic groups and between the refugee population and host communities  
*Note: Transfer from Kampala to Moyo; Breakfast provided on airplane*

11:00-11:30am Meeting at Basecamp to receive an overview of Bidibidi refugee settlement from Office of the Prime Minister and UNHCR

**11:45-1:45pm** Site Visit 1: Visit Women, Adolescents, and Youth (WAY) program to learn about how gender-based violence services, savings and loans groups and a mentorship program are integrated to ensure a comprehensive response to the needs of women and girl refugees

2:30-4:00pm Site Visit 2: Visit Women's Leadership, Empowerment, Access and Protection (LEAP) project to observe community outreach and empowerment activities building cohesion and peace among conflicting refugee populations in the settlement

**5:30-6:00pm**                      **Plane transfer from Moyo to Arua**

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**Overnight: Golden Courts Hotel - Arua, Uganda**

## Arua, Uganda

8:00-9:30am	Transfer to site visit 1
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11:15-12:45pm	Transfer to lunch
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1:45-2:30pm Transfer to site visit 2

3:30-4:30pm Transfer to Arua

6:00-6:30pm	Transfer to hotel
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**Overnight: Lake Victoria Golf Resort and Spa – Kampala, Uganda**

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Thursday, August 15

Kampala, Uganda – Travel Day

8:00-9:00am Transfer to meeting

9:00-10:30am Meeting with the Prime Minister of Uganda to learn about the development priorities of the Ugandan government, particularly with regard to support for refugee populations and promoting food and nutrition security throughout the country

10:30-11:15am Transfer to Lake View Serena

11:30am-12:00pm Senators and sons transfer to airport

1:25pm Senators Coons and Senator Van Hollen depart for Nairobi, Kenya (KQ #413)

4:20pm Delegation departs for U.S. (EK #730)  
*Note: Official CARE Learning Tour concludes*

Friday, August 16 – Sunday, August 18

Kenya

Senators and sons travel in Kenya on a separate trip with ICCF

Sunday, August 18

Travel Day

3:00pm Senators and sons arrive in Entebbe, Uganda (KQ #414)

4:20pm Senators and sons depart for U.S. (EK #730)

Monday, August 19

Travel Day

8:40am Senators and sons land in Washington, DC (EK #231)

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### **Addendum B**

Please see below for details explaining changes that were made to the trip agenda after a draft agenda was submitted to the Committee prior to the trip.

**Arrival:** Due to a delayed departure from Washington, DC, the delegation unfortunately missed their connecting flight in Dubai on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> requiring them to take a later flight out of Dubai the evening of Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The delegation therefore arrived in Entebbe at 12:55am on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> rather than the previously scheduled arrival time of 1:50pm on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. To accommodate this change, we shifted the items previously scheduled for the evening of Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> to occur the morning of August 12, 2019.

**Government Meeting:** The President was unable to meet with the delegation, however the Prime Minister was able to confirm a meeting with the group for Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. To accommodate the Prime Minister's availability, we pushed the closing brunch scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> to be a closing dinner the evening before and added a tour of the Ugandan Wildlife Education Center to fill the agenda for Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Schedule for August 12<sup>th</sup>:** To ensure we would have robust time at each site visit while remaining on schedule on August 12<sup>th</sup>, we removed the previously proposed "Site Visit 2: Visit Integrated Nutrition program" from the agenda and added 30 minutes additional time to the first and last site visits on that day.

### **Addendum C**

Breakdown of Transportation Cost for Senator Coons and Michael Coons:

- Ground transfer to airport (from Delaware to IAD): \$473.12
- Business class commercial airfare: \$8,461.28
- Chartered Flights: \$439
- Vehicles: \$443

Total: \$10,323.37

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):  
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Humanity United
2. Description of the trip: To showcase the positive reach and scope of U.S. investments in programs that support stability and food and nutrition security in the region.
3. Dates of travel: August 10 - August 17, 2019
4. Place of travel: Kampala, Uganda and West Nile, Uganda.
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see Addendum A.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
~~OR~~  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
~~AND~~  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
~~AND~~  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

**OR**

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

CARE is host to the delegation and is responsible for logistics, content of the trip and post-trip follow-up and CARE is the sole sponsor of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization focused on combating global poverty.

In line with CARE's mission to combat poverty by promoting stability and food security,

this trip was organized to show how US investments support food security and peace in Uganda

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

CARE hosts Congressional trips as an educational opportunity to see development work firsthand.

Since 2009, we have hosted more than thirty trips with members of Congress and their staff.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

CARE US implements development programming worldwide and works to promote visibility and provide education on issues important to ending global poverty. This education includes hosting conferences, trainings, briefings, community outreach and study tours on gender, food security and health.

- 16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:**

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$13,588 for int'l business airfare  \$625 pp for chartered flight  Vehicles \$542 pp  TOTAL: \$13,588	1 day room in Kampala - \$250 3 nights Lake Victoria/Kampala - \$750 1 night Arua - \$69  TOTAL: \$1,069	4 days in Kampala at \$90 per day  1 day outside of Kampala at \$43 per day  TOTAL: \$403	Interpreters - \$83 Security - \$888 Insurance - \$81 Visa - \$150  TOTAL: \$1,202

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip was arranged specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The U.S. government is an important development partner in promoting stability and food and nutrition security in Uganda and throughout the region.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

**Serena Hotel - Kampala, Uganda (day room);**

Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa - Kampala, Uganda; and Golden Courts Hotel - Arua, Uganda.

- 20: Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

**The hotels above offer western accommodations with ample security for the trip's activities.**



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

The U.S. government per diem rate for lodging in Kampala is \$250/night and \$69/night outside of Kampala.

The U.S. Government per diem rates for meals in Kampala is \$90/day and \$43/day outside of Kampala.

Our lodging and meal rates in Kampala and outside of Kampala are at or below USG per diem rates.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business class or first class transportation will be provided. If first class fare is being provided, please explain why first class travel is necessary.

The delegation will fly business class to and from Uganda. The delegation will fly on a chartered plane

for travel in Uganda. See addendum B for flight details.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event.

No entertainment will be provided on this trip.

25. I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.)

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Eric Johnson, Secretary and General Counsel

Name of Organization: CARE

Address: 1899 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone Number: 404-979-9410

Fax Number: 202-296-8695

E-mail Address: Eric.Johnson@care.org

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## AGENDA: CARE Learning Tour to Uganda, August 10 – 16, 2019

## Saturday, August 10

## Travel Day

10:55am Depart U.S. for Kampala, Uganda (EK #232)

## Sunday, August 11

## Entebbe, Uganda

1:50pm Delegation arrives in Entebbe, Uganda (EK #729)

2:30-3:00pm Transfer to hotel

3:00-5:00pm Downtime at hotel

5:00-6:30pm Welcome Briefing to provide an overview of trip and introduce CARE staff and delegates to one another

6:45-8:15pm Scene-Setter Dinner Briefing with INGO experts to gain social, political and historical context for stability-building and refugee integration as well as food and economic security in Uganda

*Overnight: Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa – Kampala, Uganda*

## Monday, August 12

## Kampala, Uganda

*Breakfast on own*

9:00-10:00am Transfer to site 1

10:00-11:45am Site Visit 1: Tour Refuge and Hope International Center to learn about services for urban refugees and discuss regional patterns of refugee movement and instability

11:45-12:15pm Transfer to lunch

12:15-1:45pm Lunch Briefing with the U.S. Mission to understand the U.S. government's priorities and development investments in Uganda, particularly related to food and nutrition security, stability building and refugee support

1:45-2:15pm Transfer to Kampala Serena Hotel

2:15-3:15pm Downtime to shower and change

3:15-3:45pm Transfer to meeting

3:45-5:00pm Meeting with the President of Uganda (requested) to learn about the development priorities of the Ugandan government, particularly with regard to support for refugee populations and promoting food and nutrition security throughout the country

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- 5:00-5:30pm Transfer to U.S. Ambassador Reception
- 5:30-7:00pm Reception with U.S. Ambassador, local government and NGO leaders to hear from a wide array of partners, implementers, and donors on the challenges and successes related to food and nutrition security, refugee response, building stability, and development assistance in Uganda
- 7:00-8:00pm Transfer to hotel

*Overnight: Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa – Kampala, Uganda*

**Tuesday, August 13** **Yumbe District, Uganda**

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- 7:00-7:30am Transfer to airport
- 7:30-9:00am Plane Discussion on the history and demographics of Bidibidi refugee settlement as well as the challenges and tensions within the settlement among ethnic groups and between the refugee population and host communities  
*Note: Transfer from Kampala to Moyo; Breakfast provided on airplane*
- 9:00-11:00am Transfer to Bidibidi refugee settlement
- 11:00-11:30am Meeting at Basecamp to receive an overview of Bidibidi refugee settlement from local government officials and UNHCR
- 11:30-11:45am Transfer to site visit 1
- 11:45-1:15pm Site Visit 1: Visit Women, Adolescents, and Youth (WAY) program to learn about how gender-based violence services, savings and loans groups and a mentorship program are integrated to ensure a comprehensive response to the needs of women and girl refugees
- 1:15-1:45pm Transfer to site visit 2  
*Note: Lunch provided in vehicles*
- 1:45-2:45pm Site Visit 2: Visit Integrated Nutrition program to learn about a growth monitoring model that evaluates and intervenes with children ages 0-5 suffering from malnutrition and stunting serving both refugees and host communities thereby building cohesion and stability between the two
- 2:45-3:00pm Transfer to site visit 3
- 3:00-4:00pm Site Visit 3: Visit Adult Literacy Project to observe community outreach and empowerment activities building cohesion and peace among conflicting refugee populations in the settlement
- 4:00-5:30pm Transfer to Moyo

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5:30-6:00pm	Plane transfer from Moyo to Arua
6:00-6:30pm	Transfer to hotel
6:30-7:30pm	<u>Dinner Debrief</u> to reflect on the discussion and site visits from the day, particularly on how the unique refugee response model in Uganda has allowed the country to absorb more than a million refugees and maintain stability

*Overnight: Golden Courts Hotel - Arua, Uganda*

## Wednesday, August 14

**Arua, Uganda**

*Breakfast on own*

8:00-9:30am	Transfer to site visit 1
9:30-9:45am	<u>Meeting at Basecamp</u> to receive an overview of Lobule refugee settlement from local government officials and UNHCR
9:45-11:15am	<u>Site Visit 1: Visit Cash Assistance Distribution and Market Development project</u> to observe a distribution, learn about different modalities of food assistance, and understand how cash assistance impacts local markets and builds stability between refugee and host populations
11:15-12:45pm	Transfer to lunch
12:45-1:45pm	<u>Lunch with Youth Leadership for Agriculture program participants</u> to discuss the intersection of strengthening agricultural value chains, economically empowering youth, and building stable communities in Uganda
1:45-2:30pm	Transfer to site visit 2
2:30-3:30pm	<u>Site Visit 2: Visit Coffee AHCA program</u> to visit a farmer field school and learn about how training increases farmer yields and builds economic stability and stronger nutrition outcomes for Ugandans
3:30-4:30pm	Transfer to Arua
4:30-6:00pm	<u>Plane briefing</u> on the impact of climate variability and shocks on short and long-term food security and nutrition outcomes in Uganda and throughout the region, particularly for small-scale farmers and refugee populations <i>Note: Transfer from Arua to Kampala</i>
6:00-6:30pm	Transfer to hotel
6:30-8:00pm	<u>Dinner Debrief</u> to reflect on the discussion and site visits from the day, particularly on ways to promote economic inclusion and stronger livelihoods for small-scale farmers and refugee populations

*Overnight: Lake Victoria Golf Resort and Spa – Kampala, Uganda*

Thursday, August 15

Kampala, Uganda – Travel Day

- 10:30-12:00pm
- Closing Brunch to reflect on the trip and discuss the issues explored on the trip, including U.S. investments in food and nutrition security, peacebuilding and development
- 12:00-1:45pm
- Downtime for packing
- 1:45-2:30pm
- Transfer to airport
- 4:20pm
- Delegation departs for U.S. (EK #730)

Friday, August 16

Travel Day

- 8:40am
- Delegation lands in Washington, DC (EK #231)

**Addendum A:**

Names and titles of ALL Senate invitees (members and staff).

**List of All Senate Invitees:**

- Sen. Chris Murphy
- Sen. Dick Durbin
- Sen. Tim Kaine
- Sen. Dan Sullivan
- Sen. David Perdue
- Sen. Richard Shelby
- Sen. Mark Warner
- Sen. Tim Scott
- Sen. Michael Bennet
- Sen. Chris Coons
- Sen. Roy Blunt
- Sen. John Hoeven
- Sen. Rob Portman
- Sen. James Lankford
- Sen. John Barrasso
- Sen. Patrick Leahy
- Sen. John Thune
- Sen. Mike Lee
- Sen. Ben Sasse
- Sen. John Boozman
- Sen. Cory Gardner
- Sen. Mitt Romney
- Sen. Marco Rubio
- Sen. Thom Tillis
- Sen. Todd Young
- Sen. Lisa Murkowski
- Sen. Jerry Moran
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito
- Sen. Jeanne Shaheen
- Sen. Kyrsten Sinema
- Sen. Maggie Hassan
- Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto
- Sen. Tammy Baldwin
- Sen. Debbie Stabenow
- Sen. Maria Cantwell



- Sen. Mazie Hirono
- Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith
- Sen. Joni Ernst
- Sen. Patty Murray
- Sen. Deb Fischer
- Margaret Dougherty, professional staff member on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
- Heather Flynn, senior professional staff member for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
- Thomas Mancinelli, National Security Adviser, Senator Chris Coons
- Michael Callesen, professional staffer, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

**Addendum B:**

Cities of Departure:

**Saturday, August 10, 2019:**

Ground transportation from Delaware to Washington, DC

10:55am – Depart Washington, DC (EK #232)

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

1:50pm – Arrive in Entebbe, Uganda (EK #729)

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

7:30am – Depart Entebbe, Uganda

9:00am – Arrive in Moyo, Uganda

5:30pm – Depart Moyo, Uganda

6:00pm – Arrive in Arua, Uganda

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

4:30pm – Depart Arua, Uganda

6:00pm – Arrive in Entebbe, Uganda

**Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Depart Entebbe, Uganda

Arrive in Washington, DC

Ground transportation from Washington, DC to Delaware

Note: Sen. Chris Coons will be departing from Delaware before the Learning Tour and returning to Delaware following the trip. Ground transportation to and from Washington Dulles International Airport will be provided, as this is more direct and economical than an air transfer from Washington, DC to Delaware.

**Addendum C:**

The official Learning Tour ends at 4:20pm on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, however the Senate delegates below have decided to remain in the region for one to two extra days for personal travel. All costs and arrangements for personal travel for the delegates below will be the responsibility of the delegate and not CARE USA:

- Sen. Chris Coons
- Sen. Chris Van Hollen

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May 14, 2019

Dear Senator Coons:

On your journey, you'll visit program sites and meet with beneficiaries in Uganda to see firsthand how critical U.S. investments are building stability. Uganda is a geopolitically important central African country whose development bears significant implications for the region. The country grapples with weak development indicators and a contracting economy with high rates of youth unemployment, a major concern for the stability of the country given nearly 49 percent of the population is under the age of 15. Almost one in five Ugandans remain trapped in chronic poverty and a third of all children under five are too short for their age, a symptom of chronic food insecurity and malnutrition. Empowering small-holder farmers and particularly women as decision-makers is crucial to expanding Uganda's economy and reducing poverty, as almost 75 percent of Ugandans work in agriculture. Uganda has become home to the largest population of refugees and asylum-seekers on the African continent, to which 1.3 million people – mostly women and children – have fled in search of safety from regional conflict and political violence from countries like South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Burundi.

Travel on this CARE Learning Tour will take you off the beaten path to spend genuine time in these communities. CARE Learning Tours highly prioritize time in the field, visiting program sites that allow you to meet with some of the most vulnerable beneficiaries of foreign assistance and to understand the impact of innovative programming supported by U.S. investments. We have over 10 years of experience implementing Congressional education trips, and CARE along with our partners have been working in many of the communities you will visit for decades, allowing us and other program implementers to bring delegations to uniquely remote areas. Through this experience, you will have a chance to understand both the successes as well as the challenges facing Uganda and the region, often articulated directly by the program participants themselves.

The United States is an active and critical partner in addressing food security and stability challenges. U.S. investments in humanitarian assistance, food and nutrition security and women's empowerment in Uganda are having a sustainable impact at the national, regional, and global levels. This Learning Tour will be a unique opportunity to explore these issues firsthand and return to Capitol Hill with a deeper understanding of how U.S. foreign assistance is helping to bolster communities, while also building a more stable and prosperous world for us all.

To allow enough time for planning, we appreciate a response indicating your interest in joining by **Monday, May 24, 2019**. We have asked Marielle Thete to provide further details on the trip and answer any questions you may have. You can reach her directly at [Marielle.Thete@care.org](mailto:Marielle.Thete@care.org) or (202)779-6847.

**Thank you for considering this opportunity.**

Sincerely,

Michelle Kuen

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July 8, 2019

**Senate Select Committee on Ethics**  
**220 Hart Senate Office Building**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

RE: CARE Learning Tour to Uganda (August 10 – August 16, 2019)

**To Whom It May Concern:**

Over the past ten years, the CARE Learning Tours program has provided policymakers and influential opinion leaders the unique opportunity to see firsthand the impact of U.S. foreign assistance investments on health and development worldwide. CARE has engaged members of Congress and key staff from both political parties as well as influential opinion leaders on these Learning Tours.

On this CARE Learning Tour, we will be sponsoring a trip to Uganda, which will include members and Congressional staff of the Senate and House of Representatives. This trip has been funded with the assistance of grants provided to CARE by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Humanity United, each with the purpose of raising awareness about the importance of U.S. investments in confronting global poverty. A portion of the activities funded by these grants include Congressional travel, and CARE is using some of the grant funds to support this specific trip. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Humanity United did not play a role in organizing the trip and have not been involved in the selection or invitation of travel participants. This funding had not been earmarked for this specific trip as stated in Item 7 on the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

We are committed to ensuring adherence to all Ethics Committee rules and regulations. For further information about CARE's advocacy and lobbying structure, please see the attached description. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 569-7027.

Sincerely,

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**Rachel Hall**  
Director, Learning Tours  
CARE USA

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This relationship which is consistent with customary practice leads us to conclude that CARE has properly completed this form, including that it does not employ or retain lobbyists. However, we include this additional information in the interests of full transparency so that the committee may make this determination for itself.

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